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SRI A. VEDARATHNAM: சமவெளி பிரதேசங்களில் உருளைக்கிழங்கை சாகுபடி செய்வதற்கு, அதாவது ஓரத்தனடு போன்ற இடங்களில் இம்மாதிரி சாகுபடி செய்வதற்கு அரசாங்கம் ஊக்கமளிக்க முன் வருமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: அதுவும் அரசாங்கத்தின் கவனத்தில் இருக்கிறது.

Works for the drought affected people of Erode taluk

* 368 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have received any representations from the people of Erode taluk on 10th June 1960 regarding the formation of pond works, laying of roads and provision of works for the drought affected people of Erode taluk and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: No, Sir.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Sir, since all the wells in those areas have dried up and there is a continuous famine for the past 16 years, will the Government sympathetically consider the matter and take steps to deepen all the wells and repair some fishing ponds in that area?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Steps have already been taken. Last year a sum of Rs. 2,27,000 was allotted and a major portion of it was spent. This year also they have asked for Rs. 2 lakhs and the matter is being looked into.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Sir, my question has not been answered. My question is, what measures the Government have taken to prevent the recurrence of famine?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Preventive measures cannot be taken by any human agency in regard to this matter. God should be merciful and give us rains.

Hundred-rupee notes

* 369 Q.—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have recommended to the Union Government for the demonstration of hundred-rupee notes?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: No, Sir.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Is the Hon. Minister aware that even genuine notes are exchanged at below par and at discount and if so, what steps the Government have taken to remove this scare of circulation of forged notes?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I hope the hon. Member does not wish to raise a scare on this. I will be making a statement on the matter shortly.